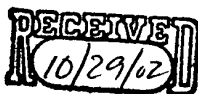


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants request that the following amendments be made to the above application prior
to Examination on the merits:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-30.

Please add the following new claims 31-40:

- BT 25/6
- 31. A method for managing a communications network, the communications network including a first management system and a second management system, the method comprising the steps of:
- (a) maintaining a first set of management information by the first management system;
 - (b) maintaining a second set of management information by the second management system;
 - (c) forwarding the first set of management information to the second management system; and

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Dear Ms. Johnson:

In response to your request of Friday, October 25, 2002, I enclose a copy of the Preliminary Amendment which was submitted in connection with the above-referenced application. The Preliminary Amendment adds claims 31-40.

Best Regards,

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